

Titusville Morning Herald.

Thursday, December 9, 1899.

The President on Cuba.

The President, in his views on the Cuban question, stands on an impassable ground. His sympathies as an American citizen do not waver in his judgment or prejudice his official action as a civil magistrate. He plainly sees that our government must not repeat the folly of the British Government by according belligerent status to Cuba. But he is only one man, and the interest of peace and the interest of liberty demand that if Spain cannot put down the insurrection in Cuba, she shall acknowledge her independence. The President sees this, and he hopes for such a consummation. But meanwhile, he does not intend to interfere, and he is sure that he will enforce the neutrality laws to the letter.

The Census.

The draft of the law for taking the census of 1900 has recently been submitted to the Committee on the Census by the subcommittee appointed to prepare the bill. The principal characteristics of the law are the establishment of a Census Bureau under the jurisdiction of the Interior Department, the appointment by the President of a Commissioner of the Census whose term of office shall expire three years from the date of his commission, the appointment by the Secretary of the Interior of one Deputy Commissioner of the Census for each Congressional District. The time proposed for taking the census is the month of June 1870.

The Office of Internal Revenue.

The annual report of Commissioner Delano to the Secretary of the Treasury laid before Congress by Mr. Boutwell, will attract general attention. Its subject is important, its form clear and simple, its presentation in itself, and most of all, its suggestions are timely and state-of-the-art. Without affirming that all its recommendations ought to be adopted, it is only fair to say that the mastery the Commissioner shows in his branch of the service and the brilliant success he has achieved in administering it gives them peculiar weight.

The improvement which the change of administration last March wrought in all branches of the civil service will be well illustrated in the Commissioner's report. The amount of revenue collected and the amount of the deficit for the six months ending July 1st, 1899, with that collected during the corresponding period last year. It is as follows:

From January to June 1899 in advance	From January to June 1900 in advance
\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000
Total gain of 100 millions in 1899	
Gain on distilled spirits during the year	\$1,000,000
On fermented liquors	\$1,000,000
On incomes	\$1,000,000
On estates	\$1,000,000
On companies	\$1,000,000
On banks and bankers	\$1,000,000

The only articles on which the law has been amended are stamps, successions and special taxes not included under 727, and those aggregate only \$102,712.

These facts speak for themselves. It is a credit to the credit of the government and its chief and chiefly upon the fidelity of its officers. So long as this is what it is, so long as it is what this report shows it to be, it is a credit to the credit of the government and its chief and chiefly upon the fidelity of its officers.

Some of the special recommendations of Mr. Delano will require discussion hereafter. The most important of them are the reduction of the tax on distilled spirits, the reduction of the tax on incomes, the reduction of the tax on estates, the reduction of the tax on companies, the reduction of the tax on banks and bankers, the reduction of the tax on successions, the reduction of the tax on special taxes not included under 727, and those aggregate only \$102,712.

The stamp tax is largely a tax on the Commissioner requests authority to send in agent to Europe to study the methods used by other governments to make cancellations efficient. He is not ready to suggest a stamp tax, but thinks that the practice of stamping is common enough to deserve serious study.

The Commissioner recommends the present assessment of the income tax, which expires next year by limitation. He suggests a rate of 10% upon income, and if his estimate were correct, the present law, fully paid, would yield \$1,000,000,000 annually, which would be a gain of \$1,000,000,000 over the present law.

But the most important feature of the report, doubtless, is the statement of the Commissioner's general policy in the matter of preventing frauds. It is a multiplying of officers, by setting incentives upon the regular officers, and upon to watch the detectives not by other complications and mechanical contrivances that the service is to be made and kept efficient. This system, so long practiced in vain, he would abandon, and rely upon the selection of honest local officers in the first place, then upon holding them to a strict accountability for their own work and that of their subordinates. This is the true and only way of system of administering the revenue laws, and it is accepted fully by all branches of the government the worst reproach under our institutions and our country have ever suffered may soon be removed.

STATE LEGISLATURES.—Today the Legislatures of Kentucky and California meet. The Legislatures of Tennessee, Alabama and North Carolina are in session, and those of Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina will assemble in January. The Legislature of Nebraska is to be called in special session, and the Legislatures of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas wait on the set of reconstruction. Although the Legislature of Georgia we may expect to have twenty-seven members, better at full work, a month hence, a Constitutional Convention in Georgia will be about to be elected in Tennessee.

BY TELEGRAPH.

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTS By the Western Union Line.

Nominations Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Dec 8.—The Senate today confirmed the nominations of Gen. Belknap, as Secretary of War, and Mr. Robinson, as Secretary of the Navy. All other nominations were referred to appropriate committees.

Nominations.

The following nominations were sent in today: For Circuit Judges, George T. Shipley of Maine, for first circuit, Lewis T. Woodruff of New York, second circuit, William McKenna of Pennsylvania, third circuit, George A. Pierce of Mass., fourth circuit, Wm. B. Woods of Alabama, fifth circuit, A. Yeaman, of Ky.; Sixth Circuit, Thomas Drummond of Illinois, seventh circuit, Lewis Saxon. The other nominations were of appointments made during the recess, and included 72 to the Treasury, 64 to the Navy, 120 to the War Department, 8 to the Attorney General, John M. Marshall to be Assistant Postmaster General.

Indian Affairs.

The House Committee on Indian Affairs today reported a bill to amend the act of June 1870, relating to the land in the Indian Territory, and to provide for the sale of the same.

Revenue Officer Shot.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec 8.—A revenue officer was shot today in the city of Indianapolis. The officer was shot in the back by a man named John J. Carter, who was a merchant tailor.

The Circuit Judges.

THOMAS DRUMMOND of Illinois was today nominated for the sixth circuit. The nomination was made by the Senate today.

Virginia.

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Financial.

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT today announced that it had received \$1,000,000,000 in advance of the revenue for the year 1900.

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Cleveland Oil Market.

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Philadelphia Oil Market.

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Antwerp Petroleum Market.

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New York Produce Market.

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Chicago Market.

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Baltimore Market.

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Money and Stock Markets.

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Mr. Haldeman, another member of the Committee, expressed his views on the subject. The committee then proceeded to discuss and consider the bill by sections, after progressing as far as the fourth section of the bill the committee retired, and the House, at 3 o'clock, adjourned.

Bear Sunk—Four Lives Lost.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec 8.—The Wheeling and Parkersburg packet Rebecca, which was on a run from Parkersburg to Wheeling, was sunk today by a bear. The bear struck the boat and sank it. Four lives were lost, and the passengers were saved. The passengers were reported saved. Full particulars in next issue.

Later reports from Parkersburg reduce the loss to four or five, and not yet ascertained. The bear struck the boat and sank it. The passengers were saved. The passengers were reported saved. Full particulars in next issue.

Indian Outrages.

CHICAGO, Dec 8.—The Indian outrages in the Indian Territory are quite alarming. The Indians are killing and robbing the white people. The Indians are killing and robbing the white people. The Indians are killing and robbing the white people.

Three Miners Killed.

CHICAGO, Dec 8.—Three miners were killed today in a coal mine in the city of Chicago. The miners were killed by a falling rock. The miners were killed by a falling rock. The miners were killed by a falling rock.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

SALES AND RE-SALES OF CRUDE PETROLEUM, Dec. 8, 1899.

Grade	Quantity	Price
Standard	100,000	\$1.00
Light	100,000	\$1.00
Heavy	100,000	\$1.00

PETROLEUM MARKET.

THE PETROLEUM MARKET today was quiet, with prices steady.

NEW YEAR'S BALL.

THE NEW YEAR'S BALL will be given at the Corinthian Hall, Friday evening, December 31st.

CORINTHIAN HALL.

THE CORINTHIAN HALL today was quiet, with prices steady.

A SILVER CUP PRIZE.

A SILVER CUP PRIZE will be given to the winner of the silver cup prize.

SILVER MOUNTED CANE.

A SILVER MOUNTED CANE will be given to the winner of the silver mounted cane.

HENRY HOPKINS, Manager.

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CATHOLIC FAIR.

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Titusville, Pa.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., Dec 8.—The market today was quiet, with prices steady.

Commencing Monday, Dec. 13th.

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Including each Evening.

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Sundays excepted.

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Useful and Ornamental Articles

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OF ALL KINDS.

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Instrumental and Vocal Music.

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A SILVER TRUMPET

A SILVER TRUMPET will be given to the winner of the silver trumpet.

TO THE FIREMEN.

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A SEWING MACHINE.

A SEWING MACHINE will be given to the winner of the sewing machine.

A GOLD HEADED CANE.

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AMUSEMENTS.

CORINTHIAN HALL.

FOR TWO NIGHTS ONLY, Wednesday and Thursday Evenings, DECEMBER 8TH AND 9TH.

STEWART'S

DOUBLE COMPANY OF MINSTRELS & BRASS BAND, Eighteen Star Performers.

Admission 50 cents. Reserved Seats 75 cents. Boxed Seats 1.00.

CORINTHIAN HALL.

GRAND EXHIBITION OF HIGH CLASS MODERN OIL PAINTINGS.

By distinguished AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN ARTISTS.

Monday, December 8th, 1899.

DURING THE DAY AND EVENING.

On TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

ADMISSION FREE.

PHYSICAL CULTURE

THREE LECTURES BY Mrs. F. M. BARCLAY OF CHICAGO.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Beginning at 3 P. M. in the

SESSION ROOM OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Subject: The Causes why so many Children die in infancy, how their diseases may be prevented.

Mr. Barclay will deliver a course of Lectures in Physical Culture at Titusville on next week.

NEW YEAR'S BALL

CORINTHIAN HALL, Friday Evening, December 31st.

A SILVER CUP PRIZE

Will be awarded the best DANCER and a SILVER MOUNTED CANE.

To the best GENTLEMAN DANCER.

Prizes will be given to the winners.

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CLOTHING--DRY GOODS.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Office of FISK & HATCH, BANKERS AND DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

No. 3 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK.

November 8, 1899.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND CORRESPONDENTS.

The surprising development of our national resources and the rapidly with which the government is now enabled to reduce the national debt by weekly purchases, render it apparent that the time is approaching when the five twenty bonds may be funded at not over four or four and a half per cent interest.

Meanwhile their high price, as compared with other classes of securities paying an equal rate of interest, is leading to general inquiry for more profitable forms of investment in which money may be safely invested.

During the war the necessities and perils of the government, and the consequent cheapness of its securities, rendered them so attractive that from a time combined with the patriotic faith of the people in their safety, they absorbed almost the entire floating capital of the country and diverted attention from other classes of securities which had

LOSEE, MERCHANT TAILOR,

Our Monthly Petroleum Report.

Production-Development-Number of Wells Drilling-Stock of Petroleum in the Region-Shipments-The Price, &c., &c.

Report for the Month ending November 30, 1909.

THE PRODUCTION

The ratio of increase of the product was not so great during the period under review as it was for any one of the previous four months, yet the increase was not inconsiderable having amounted to about 250 barrels daily. The total yield, as shown by the difference between stocks and the shipments, amounted to 390,018 barrels or a daily average of a little more than 13,300 barrels. About the 15th the prospects for a largely increased production were good, for accounts of the yield of the wells on the Foster Farms having suddenly enlarged about 150 barrels daily and of several new wells yielding from twenty-five to one hundred barrels being struck. Later in the month, however, the yield of the wells on the Foster Farms fell off materially and there was a decline in the production of the wells in many of the old districts which much reduced the rate of increase.

The following table shows the production during November the average per day the production previously reported in 1909 and the average per day since January 1st, the production from January 1st to December 1st last year with a comparison of the same time.

DATE	1909	1908	1907
Nov. 1 to Nov. 30	3,400	3,400	3,400
Nov. 1 to Dec. 1	11,300	11,300	11,300

The annexed table shows the amount in iron tankage and the total stock at the dates named.

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Nov. 1	1,100	1,100
Nov. 15	1,100	1,100
Nov. 30	1,100	1,100

The stock in December 1st last year was 25,700 barrels or \$4,000 less than on the same date this year.

THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE TERRITORY

The number of wells in process of drilling on the last day of December was 14 less than on the last day of the previous month and about 10 less than on January 1st. Besides the 49 new wells drilling there were in the black oil district about twenty to twenty-five old wells which were being drilled into the earth and there were no new discoveries of territories made during the month and the extension of the known producing territory was not at all material excepting at Parker Landing between Lower Cherry Run and the Allegheny River and at Oil City.

The following table shows the number of new wells drilled at the dates named.

DATE	NEW WELLS DRILLED
Nov. 1	1
Nov. 15	1
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By the Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railways

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A CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEW YORK HERALD

writing from Fort Dodge, Iowa, claims that there are strong reasons to suspect that the Cardiff Giant was chiseled out of a gypsum quarry at that place. The writer says that after gypsum has been in water for three months, not even a geologist can tell whether it has been there three years or three hundred years. The facts, as related by the Herald man, as going to substantiate his position, are related as follows:

Early in the spring of 1868 two men (the largest one passed by the name of Hally) came to Fort Dodge claiming to be anxious to get into the gypsum business, and that they desired to get a very large block of it to take it to New York, get up a stock company and make a good thing out of it. Shortly after their arrival came a rather stylish man and wife, who boarded in a private family. The man soon became intimate with the men of whom I have been speaking. He passed by the name of Glass. He came from Syracuse, N. Y., and is believed by the people here to be the artist who made the "giant" out of the big block. The movements of strangers, especially peculiar or extraordinary ones, are closely watched here, and the man and his wife were not long in being detected by the bank officers to guard against bank robbery. Hence the movements of the party were closely watched. After looking around much they finally bought one acre of gypsum quarry paying for it \$100, nominally to obtain a specimen of the stone, but really to get up a stock company and go for them in New York. The block when they started from here with it to Boone, to take the railroad to Chicago weighed nearly or quite eight tons. It took them about a month to get it to Boone. Forty miles from here on a section of the road and the heavy weight of the block. From the time it left Montana by railroad until now we have been looking in the papers to see what became of our "big block of gypsum." We think we "small something in the wonderful stone giant."

COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE OF PHILADELPHIA

BRUNN—About 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon while the building of the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia was being left open a large cloud-burst of rain fell upon the building and the lower story which was wrecked with masonry and perished fire-proof.

The building occupied the site of the old Pennsylvania national building in March last. The building cost \$250,000. The lower story was occupied by the Terminal Company and the Bank of New York and the upper story by the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia.

The amount of insurance is not yet determined. A large number of persons were in the building at the time and many were injured. Some of them were injured from falling from the roof and others from falling from the second story window.

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Just received, a large assortment of cooking and heating stoves. Prices reduced at GARDNER'S Good's Block, Titusville, Pa.

If you wish to enjoy a good night's rest of a cold night get a good comfortable at R D FITCHER'S

JOSHUA NOTER, at Pioneer post office, has a full line of diaries 1870, also takes orders for Barnum's Forty Years Recollections, and Chamberlain's Law Book

SALE OF TEAS—For the next 30 days we offer our large and select stock of teas to the trade at a decline of from 10 to 25 cents per pound. CLARK, HAYES & CO

REAL bargains in Dry Goods, at R D FITCHER'S

A large stock of solid sterling silverware at NEAR'S, No. 10 Spring street

Best United Goods, at DOTY & SEELY'S

A large selection of silver Tea Sets, new set patterns, at NEAR'S, No. 10 Spring street

By Blacksmith and Engine Coal of Hump and Co. See their advertisement

CATTIE FISH at Gardner's Good's Block Franklin street

100 PAIN white wool blankets just received on consignment to be sold at less than the retail value. R D FITCHER'S

New styles of plaids, at FUNK JACKSON & FITCHER'S

Prices of Dry Goods greatly reduced at R D FITCHER'S

A GREAT reduction in hair cloth and Green Rep. parlor suits at R D FITCHER'S

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